



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Connecticut District Test Coordinator,

In September 2014, Governor Malloy announced efforts designed to help reduce the time students spend taking standardized assessments. As part of the initiatives announced that day, the Connecticut State Department of Education is making available up to \$500,000 in grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to study the types and amount of testing in individual districts, as well as to make changes based on the study of local district testing practices.

The attached application should be completed by LEAs and submitted under the conditions outlined on page two of the application by January 9, 2015.

This is a competitive application process designed to have an immediate impact on the amount and types of assessments delivered in LEAs. Awardees will be selected and notified by late January 2015.

As a reminder, applications are due by **January 9, 2015**. Questions regarding this process and application can be forwarded to Scott Nierendorf at EASTCONN ([snierendorf@eastconn.org](mailto:snierendorf@eastconn.org) or 860.455.1569).

Sincerely,

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